and not manfully backed by the *E\chan<^r^s* men, the enemy became bolder than he would have been, slew six and wounded many more, so that the rest returned on board and would not renew the assault

The Portugals, thus encouraged by the slack working of our men, had barricades made where they might stand without any danger of our shot, and plied our men with fire so that most of them were burnt in some place or other, and while our men were putting out the fire, they kept on assailing them with small shot or darts When the *Sampson's* men were not able to enter they plied their great ordnance, mounted as high as they could, and by shooting a piece out of the forecastle, they fired a mat on the carack's keal, which ran from thence to the mat on the bow-sprit, and from the mat up to the wood of the bowsprit, and thence to the top sail yard, which made the Portugals to stagger and to make show of parle But they that had the charge encouraged them that it might easily be put out, so they stood again stiffly to the defence

Anon the fire grew so strong that Captain Downton seeing it was beyond all help, desired to be off, but had little hope of saving his ship unlit, until by the burning asunder of the sprit sail yard with the ropes and sail, whereby they were fast entangled to the carack, she fell apart The *Exchange* also being further off from the fire was easier clear and fell off from abaft Soon the fire crept into the forecastle of the carack where was store of Benjamin and other combustible matter which flamed and ran all over the ship so that the Portugals leapt over in great numbers Then. Captain Downton sent Captain Grant with the boat with leave to use his own discretion in

saving of them
So he brought aboard two gentlemen, one an old man called
Nuno Velis Pereira, who had been governor of Mocambique and
Cefala in 1582 , three of the inferior sort were also saved in the
boat The rest which were taken by the other boats were set
ashore in the Isles of Flores

The carack burnt all that day and the night, but next morn-
nig her powder which was lowest, being 60 barrels, blew her
asunder Some said she was bigger than the *Madre de Dios,*
some that she was less, but though much undermasted and
undersailed yet she went well